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## THE HIGHEST MENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

A noted philosopher of ancient times was of the opinion "That the noblest study of mankind is man." His reason for thinking so was that man was more like God than any thing else in human sight. It was his idea that to know God was the highest and most beneficial knowledge any one could possibly attain. Therefore as man was most like God, by being created in the image of God, hence it must be that ones noblest study should be man.

Were that noted philosopher living now in Marlinton, and make an honest and sincere study of the Bible as the word of God, he would express himself something after this manner—"The noblest study of mankind is God himself in his Word."

One of the most popular and widely received expressions of what God is, the reader may find in the Bengie confession to this effect: "We believe in heart and confess with the mouth that there is one only and simple spiritual essence which we call God, eternal incomprehensible, invisible, immutable, infinite, who is wholly wise, and a most plentiful well-spring of all good things."

Vain would be the attempt to mention all the reasons why the study of God would be the noblest and most useful of all studies for time and eternity. Let a few illustrations be sufficient for the purpose of this article for the Pocahontas Times.

Sometimes very thoughtful, conscientious persons may be met with who think or feel their sins too great to be forgiven by the Lord. This would never be were it not for our progress to self-deceiving unbelief. Let us make a study of God's own loving words: "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found: call ye on him while he is yet near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God for he will abundantly pardon."

Now such offers ought to make one ashamed of doubts and help us to see that when we come to study and learn more about God, we will not be so inclined to distrust him.

A person reared among the mountains and has never seen any body of water larger than mountain streams, may have his doubts whether there be enough water on earth to cover the peaks of his native land. But should he ever sail on the Pacific and be near the lead when it is put down thousands of feet, and when he sees what the sounding is and learns moreover that the ocean is about four thousand miles wide and yet greater in length, he will see how all his native mountains could be buried in the sea. Our sins may be as great as we ever thought them to be, but God's mercy is greater than we ever imagined. Let God's mercy be explored and studied over until we see how he can pardon iniquity, pass by transgression, delight in mercy, and have compassion on us and cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Futhermore as we make progress in our studies of God, we realize in a measure, how amiable is the whole character of God and love him as is reasonable as it is obligatory. It is told of a person who prided himself for his free thinking reputation that when he attempted to make some sport by perplexing a pious little girl, asked her "How big is your God?" Her answer was, he is so great that the heavens cannot contain him, yet he is so kind as to dwell in this little heart of mine."

God dwells with all his people and he walks in them. Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy, I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. What matchless love is here. He who is over all, God

blessed forever, condescends to take up his abode in our hearts. As this grand knowledge opens up to our studies, we will love and fear, serve and obey, praise and adore him. May it be ours to feel and resolve to give to him the same place in our hearts that he holds in the universe.

"Maker, Preserver, my Redeemer God  
Whom have I in the heavens but thee alone;

On earth but thee, whom should I praise; whom love?  
For, thou hast brought me hitherto upheld

By thy omnipotence: and from thy grace  
Unbought, unmerited, though not sought—  
The wells of thy salvation hast refreshed

My spirit, watering it at morn and eve."

But even after we have given him the same place in our hearts that he holds in the universe it remains for us to realize that after all we shall never be able to pay the debt we owe him. Then be it in our hearts to give him all. Even that is but little, yet he will receive it. Glory to God in the highest, ever blessed be his Holy Name. W. T. P.

## HUNTERSVILLE

Dr. and Mrs. N. M. McKee spent the week end here.

Clyde Wagner and sister, Miss Delta, and two friends, of Marlinton, spent Sunday here.

Charles Grose spent a few days at home last week.

Miss S. A. E. Stover was in Marlinton Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Marie Jordan and Mrs. Charles Grose were at Marlinton Friday.

Zane Moore took a load of house hold goods to Monterey for Mrs. Amos Barlow last week.

James Harper, with a force of men, are repairing the road between here and Sheriff Buzzard's.

Miss Jaunita Herold, of Highland county, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Zane Moore, since last week.

The workmen at the Minnehaha Springs are experiencing some difficulty in confining the vast amount of water to raise it to the desired level of the bathing pool.

Miss Lynette McKeever returned Monday from Buckeye, where she was visiting her sick grandmother.

James Lorry, the cook at the Minnehaha spring is taking a vacation.

Stuart and Robert Lockridge of Hot Springs, were calling on friends here last Sunday.

Mrs. James Grogg and son of Frost, were shopping here last Wednesday.

Miss Rachel Sheets of Williams River, is spending a few days with the family of S. P. Sheets.

Mrs. W. H. Grose and daughter Miss Fay, returned from Belington last Monday, where they were visiting relatives and incidently taking in the reunion of the Blue and Grey at Philippi. They report a fine time with the exception of the pick pockets at Philippi.

## BROWNS CREEK

J. W. Yeager, of Marlinton, was up last week looking after timber.

S. R. Hogsett and Paul Golden sold seventy-nine acres of timber land recently to Fenton & Pyle, of Pennsylvania. They expect to begin cutting it soon; S. R. Hogsett has the contract to do the cutting.

W. A. Beverage and wife, of Highland county, were visiting their sons, Coe and Ed Beverage, several days last week.

Amos McCarty and Charlie K. Moore are doing a big job of brushing for H. M. Lockridge.

Miss Grace Moore, who has been attending the normal school at Montgomery, came home last Saturday.

Dr. Lockridge was called last Monday to see Mrs. J. D. Dilley who is suffering from a fall she received at the school house on Browns Creek several days ago.

H. P. McLaughlin has been helping W. J. Phillips to work his fine field of corn.

The sarvis crop promises to be abundant this year, and are getting ripe.

## IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

One of the commonest questions that we oldest inhabitants have to answer is from the new northern neighbor, as to how we managed to exist before the railroad came to the county. The answer is that we lived like princes and had everything that the heart could desire, without the crime and unrest that characterizes the county at this time.

I have intended for sometime to write a piece about this, and "would that my tongue could utter the thoughts that arise in me." I do not know how to make it stronger than to say that if I knew of a county such as Pocahontas was before the disturbing influences following the building of hundreds of miles of steam railways, that the working would be powerful had but what I would go to it we to it. We did not know when we were eating our white bread. But as Tenyson says, the tender grace of the day that is dead will never come back to me.

Cutting of trees mars the mountain country. No old timer can look at a slashing left by the lumbermen without a pang. His eyes do not long remain in that direction if there is a bit of green timber left in sight.

The falls of Williams River used to be one of the landmarks of an unspoiled country. Here the river ran over rocky ledges in the spruce woods. It was a fine place for trout. The fishermen used to wonder what would happen to him if his foot should slip and he became disabled as he clambered around these rapids. It was a great place for trout.

I was there last month. All the timber had been cut and the tree tops and stumps only remained. There are old, abandoned shanties. A railroad is on either side. An old freight car lies across the stream. In the pool just above where I always got a trout or two lay the iron trucks of that car and may trout could I catch. The falls seemed to be about ten feet high. The water was as tame and squalid as it could be.

A little lower down is a famous pool that never could be fished properly because of the open country and willows on one side and the big rock\* on the other side bulging out from the dense hemlocks. I used to have a wild idea of clearing a way in the brush so I could get to this pool right, but never did it. Trout were not so hard to get as all that. Old fishermen will know the place. It is where some spawn of the devil threw in a stick of dynamite about fifteen years ago and blew off a bit of the rock.

I was at this place the other day and here was a railroad built right on top of that rock around the base of which the water swirled and I found a way prepared to cast from the right side of the pool. There is no great loss without some small gain, and what has been lost is safe—Quae amiss salvr. A cast from the railroad ties resulted in a lost fly on a telegraph wire overhead. Having repaired the damage and crouching, a more careful cast causes the fly to fall on the water in the right way. As Robert Louis Stevenson says, it is a "bonny cast," and a great big trout darts at it and is taken. I rise and am appeased.

A long narrow strip of grass-land used to be here between the forests primeval. But now the trees are destroyed and the brush is taking the sod land. The big scar on the mountain opposite the old cabin is the only thing unchanged. A gang of Italian section hands was working opposite one of the pools that I remembered and that place was marred for fishing. A railroad bridge spans another fine pool. Here a big trout rushes at the fly but refuses to be destroyed.

The day was chilly and not a good day for fishing anyway. My hands were cold and I found that I had forgotten to bring my mittens. Fly fishing was so slow that I wished that I had some live bait, and when I saw a ten year old boy coming from a house where no house used to stand, I contracted with him for a supply of fishing worms and a lead sinker for a consideration. The boy said his name was Jesse James and as we conversed, I said, "It seems to me that I have heard your name somewhere." He said, "I bet you have; I lived in Marlinton nearly a year."

The fishing worm investment proved to be a total loss. As a little boy said the silly worms did not seem to be trying. So I went back to the deadly fly. I got enough out but having remembered happier things stumped back to camp over the miserable railroad

ties in the grumpy condition described by Horace, foenum habet in cornu, which being interpreted means that he has hay on his horns."

And in what was once the most delightful wilderness in the world, I stopped at a telephone office and called up the busy marts of trade in Marlinton.

On the whole we may well say that the glory of Williams River has departed. And what is true of this section applies to so many parts of the county. There is more money in the county and there are more people. The lawyers and doctors make more money and there is work for every man at high wages, but the farm are neglected and the stock raising is not maintained so well. We have cocaine, near beer, wine, women and cards. And it is no wonder that we old timers look back at a time when we did not know we were well off.

What is known as the development of this county has brought us many important industries and enterprises, and many strange people have come here to make their homes, temporarily. They are good citizens and we appreciate their friendship and their presence, but for this industrial activity we are paying dear, and enduring prosperity will not set in again until the work of clearing and improving land, which has been halted, begins again. So we will speed these paralytic guests as cordially as we welcome them.

In the meantime they need waste no tears on us on account of deprivations that they think we endured before the railroad came, for many of us remember an ideal condition of things, away back before the Spanish war, already, when things were just about right in this county.

"Give me, indulgent gods! with mind serene,  
And guiltless heart, to range the sylvan scene;  
No sordid poverty, no smiling care,  
No well-bred hate, or servile grandeur, there."

"An elegant sufficiency, content, retirement, rural quiet, nature labor, honest life, and after virtue, and approving Heaven."

## FROST

Mrs. Jasper Sharp, of Earl, is visiting at the home of her brother-in-law, Ashby Sharp.

Miss Daisy Lee Arbogast returned last Saturday from Dayton, Virginia, where she attended school the past winter.

Miss Lena Jordan went to Marlinton last Tuesday on business.

Will Hiner, of Mill Gap, is stopping at the home of W. T. Townsend at this place.

Thomas Morgan is visiting friends in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pritchard spent Sunday and Monday at Dunmore.

Miss Carrie Dreppard is visiting Mrs. Luther Hively in the Hills.

Our town was visited by a severe rain and wind storm Sunday night. No damage was done with the exception of the lightning killed a cow for Fletcher Herold.

J. A. Patterson left last Friday for Eastern Virginia on a business trip.

Miss Thelma Carpenter had the misfortune of running a nail in her foot, which has caused her quite a good deal of suffering.

Miss Ruth Sharp was the guest of Miss Lola Buzzard last week.

Clarence Jordan and wife of Huntersville, spent Sunday at the home of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Jordan.

## C. & O. TO OIL TRACKS.

The Chesapeake & Ohio railroad has provided an equipment and will immediately put in operation for sprinkling with oil all of the main tracks.

This practice has been carried out by a number of the leading passenger roads in recent years, and with great success. It pre- absolutely the raising of dust to annoy the passengers.

It is necessary to spread the oil about twice each year during the dry season, and while the arrangements have been made a little late, it is expected that the work will be completed within a short time.

## HEVENER-SKAGGS'

At Park Grove, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Skaggs, two miles west of Lewisburg, last evening, the 7th inst., at 7:45 o'clock, many friends and guests witnessed an unusually pretty and impressive marriage ceremony performed by Rev. D. P. McGeachy, the bride's pastor, the contracting parties being Miss Mary Caroline Skaggs, eldest daughter of the home, and Mr. Uriah Hevener, Jr., of Pocahontas county. Just before the bridal party entered the parlor, Mrs. John McClung sang sweetly "I Love You Truly." Then to the music of Lohengrin's Wedding March, rendered by Miss Mary Byrne Holt, the bridal party entered the parlor which had been prettily and artistically decorated in white and green, the color scheme—Miss Lillian Austin and Mr. George Hannah, Miss Nellie Handley and Mr. Richard Skaggs, Miss Lynn McClung and Mr. June McElwee, Miss Martha Bell and Mr. Fred Moomau. Then came the groom, leaning on the arm of his best man, Mr. Robert Sterrett, and the bride with her maid of honor, her cousin, Miss Polly Johnston, in pink, the bride's maids being all in white, little Misses Annie Skaggs and Rebecca Hunter holding the ribbons. When all had taken the positions designated, the principals standing under a pretty wedding bell artistically constructed of orange blossoms, Mr. McGeachy, using the ring carried by little Miss Florence Skaggs, sister of the bride, pronounced the words that made the two man and wife.

The bride was gowned in white messaline with pearl trimmings and veil pinned with orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. Exquisitely she was a beautiful bride, the en- vision of all eyes, while the groom was happy in the realization of his love, and proud in winning the heart and hand of one so fair.

After congratulations and good wishes, all repaired to the dining room where a delicious collation of salads and ices was served. Many and valuable were the presents sent by loving friends in testimony of their esteem and good wishes.

Amid a shower of rice the happy couple left for an extended tour in Eastern cities.

Guests from a distance attending the wedding were Miss Lucilla Pritchard, Mrs. Forrest Pritchard, Miss Grace Hevener, Mrs. John O. Handley, Joel M. George and John Hannah, all of Pocahontas, Miss Mary Post, of Buckhannon, and Mrs. George Nettleton, of Covington.

Mr. Hevener is a son of Uriah Hevener, Sr., now 89 years of age, and long one of the most prominent and honored citizens of Pocahontas county. We heartily congratulate our young friend on his good fortune in winning the love of one of Greenbrier's prettiest girls, who, as the idol of his heart, will be no less the ornament of his home.—Greenbrier Independent.

## NOTICE

To the Taxpayers of Pocahontas County, W. Va.

You will please take notice that the Board of Equalization and Review for said county will convene at the court house thereof on the 5th day of July, 1911, and will continue in session from day to day, not to exceed twenty-five days, for the purpose of hearing the complaint of any tax payer as to the assessment placed upon his property by the assessor. It is the duty of the Board to reduce the value of property if it is assessed too high, and to increase it if it is assessed too low, and this may be done upon the motion of any taxpayer interested or upon the Board's own motion. Any assessment becomes final upon the Board's adjournment.

Given under my hand this 12th day of June, 1911.  
C. J. McCARTY,  
Clerk of the County Court and ex-officio Clerk of said Board.

## A VISIT TO MINNEHAHA SPRING

On a bright summer afternoon we left the dusty road and passed at once into a green meadow, meandering through which was something more than a "brook going on forever." It was the waters of Knapps Creek dancing over and around the many rocks of its bed. Leaping into Knapps Creek, making considerable addition to its size and preventing it from entirely freezing up in winter, flowed the water from the Minnehaha Spring. It glittered and gleamed in the sunlight, and one could not but believe that its limpid appearance must be due to the presence of Radium, that mysterious substance with which the modern Scientists have replaced the fabled Nixies of a spring, and which if present, possesses curative powers of untold measure.

It rushed forward at the rate of over one thousand gallons per minute, and could it be transported bodily to Tampa, Florida, would bring ten dollars every time the "second hand went round," or even if brought to the outskirts of water vaunted Richmond, would bring two hundred and sixty dollars every time "the bawdy hand of the dial pricked noon;" such being the rate at which that municipality charges its less favorably situated sisters for its monopoly.

Great possibilities loomed up before our vision. We saw in our minds eye high towers on the adjacent hills from which copious streams of water refreshed the guests of a near by picturesque hotel. We saw model bath houses where the lame, the halt and the weak of eye came to be cured. But best of all we saw the valley as it will be one day, the Mecca of the modern tourist. X.

## FUNERAL OF BROTHER.

The funeral of William Ellis Baxter, the young Pennsylvania engineer who was found dead in bed at his rooming house at 1720 South Calhoun street last Saturday, was held yesterday (June 7) afternoon, the Rev. Church officiating. Hundreds of friends of the deceased were in attendance at the last sad obsequies.

Mr. Baxter came to Fort Wayne from his former home, Marlinton, Pocahontas county, West Virginia, and accepted employment as fireman with the Pennsylvania company December 1, 1902. Being a good, upright, sober and industrious young man, he proved his worth to the company and was promoted to engineer last November 26. By close attention to his work, and being of a sober, saving disposition, Mr. Baxter had accumulated quite a nice bank account besides his insurance in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, which is a great credit to his memory. The interment occurred in the B. of L. F. & E. private lot in Lindenwood cemetery. The beautiful ritualistic work of the brotherhood was witnessed by over 150 members of the lodge besides the large concourse of sorrowing friends who had gathered to pay their last sad tribute of respect to the memory of one who will be missed in our city.—Fort Wayne News.

## MONEY DOESN'T ALWAYS BUY HAPPINESS - HOWEVER

The man who has money in the bank doesn't look upon the sordid side of life as does the man who is broke. Money in the bank represents credit—the power of accomplishment. It creates confidence. It gives one standing and prestige in the community. No matter how small your start you have the full advantage of our facilities for increasing your account when you bank at the

## The First National Bank

WANTED—Timber land, cutover timber lands, coal and mineral lands in large tracts. Waynesburg Realty Co., Waynesburg, Pa.

## DELINQUENT LIST

List of persons and property other than real estate, in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, delinquent for the non-payment of taxes for the year 1910.

### GREENBANK DISTRICT

Name	Why Delinquent	Amt
Arbogast, J M	no property	3 62
Armstrong, Jesse C	"	2 47
Arbogast, A P	"	68
Arbogast, J A	left county	1 05
Arbogast, P W	no property	50
Alderman, Edna	not found	58
Arbogast, Adam C	no property	28
Arbogast, W H	"	50
Anderson, J A	"	14
Briscoe, H J	"	1 99
Bostic, W B	"	15
Beabout, G T	"	30
Bankhead, Hugh	left county	27
Burk, Frank	not found	28
Brady, T N	"	07
Barber, J F	left county	27
Bartron, C M	"	72
Bennett, John	not found	1 43
Biby, B M	left county	3 07
Bearing, Harper	not found	59
Burns, Mary E	"	2 39
Bush, H F	left county	18
Bump, Chas	"	43
Bright, Edgar	not found	36
Baker, A F	"	65
Boyd, John	"	1 26
Bargerstock, Clarence	"	78
Brinegar, J B	left county	56
Brooke, W C	"	39
Bragg, J J	not found	45
Burner, L C	"	36
Bible, J M	"	11
Currence, S B	left county	15
Carroll, C C	not found	36
Commins, Joe	"	09
Chitester, C D	dead	25
Curry, A C	left county	54
Coneway, C W	not found	26
Chelgren, Carl	"	11
Cuthright, A P	"	15
Chummer, C A M D	"	11
Chase, Adam	"	28
Carlson, John	"	18
Calhoun, Floyd	no property	1 32
Carter, Albert	"	09
Carpenter, Henry	"	3 92
Calhoun, A D	"	54
Cutheart, T C	not found	11
Conrad, B F	no property	84
Deiglar, Carl	"	10 58
Delisle Hileyay	not found	08
Davis, Mrs Abas	"	47
Daugherty, G H	"	01
Dilley, A G	"	32
Davies, W T	not found	1 18
Daugherty, Isaac	no property	1 32
Eary, H A	improper charge	32
Eagle, R M	left county	04
Essex, Geo.	not found	18
Eagle, G. C.	left county	04
Fuhrman, H H	"	4 61
Ferrell, R A	not found	38
Frantz, W. J.	dead	98
Flowers, L E	left county	97
Frye, George	not found	25
Furby, A E	left county	43
Fulmers, A J	not found	18
Galusha, F T	"	90
Geist, Mall	left county	25
Geiger, Mrs. M E	not found	18
Graybill, H M	"	11
Gregory, M F	no prop'ty fnd	36
Griffith, Roy	not found	21
Gregory, W J Jr.	no pr'ty fnd	11
Hunt, G W	left county	1 27
Hornell, S J	not found	80
Harman, A B	left county	86
Hoffman, Hayes	"	30
Hughes, R S	"	2 77
Haney, B F	not found	07
Henderliter, D C	"	25
Hickman, C G	"	40
Hamilton, D W	"	76
Henderson, B M	left county	32
Howdyshell, Erve	no prop'ty found	44
Hallman, David	left county	1 58
Hardesty, E H	not found	07
Hice, G W	"	16
Houchin, R C	no pr'ty fnd	33
Ice, W H	not found	2 86
Jenks, P W	"	78
James, Chas.	left county	79
Kisamore, O C	"	3 61
Kennedy, A A	no pr'ty fnd	04
Kesler, G W	"	2 52
King, J W	left county	72
Kitterman, E A	not found	21
Knapp, John	no pr'ty found	14
Kellison, S D	"	28
Kelley, Howard	not found	19
Kline, Sam	no pr'ty found	1 95
Knotts, Eliza	left county	32
Kiplant, Frank	"	21
Kryser, S N	"	31
Kimmel, S F	not found	18
Kemper, A S	"	45
Knober, F M	"	04
Lambert, Kinnison	no pr'ty found	1 66
Lambert, Ira E.	"	29
Lantz, G C	not found	28
Lambert, Glandie	no pr'ty found	22
Lanham, L B	left county	65
Luzier, H D	left county	83
Lantz, V F	not found	18
Lunsford, W C	no pr'ty fnd	03
Lipscomb, J R	not found	28
McMullen, Mrs E A	"	93
McLaughlin, C M	left county	2 39
Rodie C	not found	1 44
" S R	"	28
Manning, J E	no prop'ty found	62
Marlett, F H	not found	62
Mauzy, C W	no prop'ty found	4 66

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